

MICHIGAN SERA COUNCIL STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREES ASSOCIATION

February 8, 2011

Honorable Rick Jones, Chair Senate Judiciary Committee 915 Farnum Builsing Lansing, MI 48909

Re: SB 80 and 81 increasing penalties for financial exploitation of vulnerable adults

Dear Senator Jones and Members of Senate Judiciary Committee:

The Council of the State Employee Retirees Association supports SB 80 and SB 81, which would increase the penalties for financial exploitation of vulnerable adults.

Our members, especially our members with physical and mental disabilities, are particularly affected by attempts of trusted individuals to steal or embezzle their property and assets. Increased penalties as provided in the bill reflect inflation that has occurred since the law was last amended.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mary Pollock Legislative Representative

cc. Senator Gretchen Whitmer, sponsor of SB 80 and 81